Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know from the member whether he has received any representation from the public or any individual stating that they are prepared to contribute towards the expenses for the construction of a pay ward in the District Hospital, Neyyattinkara?

Dr. S. John: Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether the Government have any objection in seeing that these collections are made through the Tahsildar or other officer of the State rather than empowering non-official agencies to collect the fund?

President: It is a matter of policy and will depend upon local circumstances.

Inoculation against cholera.

21. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapally, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have trained extra hands to conduct the inoculation work to control the present outbreak of cholera in the State; and

(*b*) if so, what is their number according to their posting in each taluk?

Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They are not distributed on any taluk-war basis but are detailed to work as itinerant squads, and shifted from place to place according to the exigencies of the epidemic situation in any particular locality.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: With reference to answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know the number of extra hands that have been appointed?

Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: About 150 people have been appointed for that special purpose.

Cholera.

22. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether many of the attacks reported to be of cholera, are really attacks of cholera or cases of gastric diarrhoea?

Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: In the daily and weekly statements issued by the Public Health Department only cholera cases are included.

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